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Toekael Airfield

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and northwest of Szigethalom, formerly Horthyiget, (Q 40/H 40), was about 2,500 meters from east to west and 1,100 meters from north to south. The field was provided with a firm grass cover. According to source, the field was usable even after sustained rains. The installation was provided with a runway 2,200 meters long and 70 to 80 meters wide covered by 5 x 6 meter concrete slabs. (1) The radio tower of the Budapest transmitter, about 300 meters high, was located about 3 km north of the airfield.

2. Both, a Soviet and a Hungarian unit, were stationed at the field. The aircraft observed there were parked in two distinct groups, one in the [REDACTED] port. About [REDACTED] in its eastern portion. The entrance there was guarded by a Hungarian soldier wearing white-bordered blue epaulets. (2)
3. On 10 October 1951, the field was occupied by three single-engine fighters, probably Yak-9s, fitted with inline engines, three-bladed metal propellers and landing gears retracting inward; 4 twin-engine transports, probably Li-2s, fitted with radial engines, single tail assemblies, landing gears retracting inward and cabin windows; and 48 jet planes, including 20 parked in the western portion and 28 parked in the east. [REDACTED] the mid-wing monoplane [REDACTED] rudder assemblies. [REDACTED] upper third of the rudder assembly, landing wheels and nose wheel, retracting rearward, and air intakes divided by vertical partitions. (3)
4. Installations available at the field included three hangars, one of which was destroyed, two-story quartering buildings and guard houses, low wooden buildings occupied by workers, an ammunition dump, a radio or DF station, and a spur track. Three quartering buildings, a single-story administration building and 7 three-story quartering buildings which were still under construction were observed in the western portion. [REDACTED] and a low wooden building were observed north of the western end of the runway. The 4 towers, which were about 25 meters apart, and the

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low wooden building were arranged in one row. Four searchlights, about 50 cm in diameter, mounted on supports, about 1.5 meters high, were set up at the eastern end of the runway. (4)

5. The ammunition dump was guarded by a Soviet sentry. Another Soviet guard was seen at the end of the spur track where building materials were stored in the open. A Hungarian sentry was placed at the entrance in the northeast corner of the installation, another sentry was seen on its eastern edge.

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## Comments.

(1) For location sketch of the field, see Annex 1. [ ] layout of field installations, see Annex 2.

(2) This is the first comprehensive report on Toekoei airfield. Previous information had indicated that the installation was occupied by a Soviet air unit, but that Hungarian pilots were also trained with jet aircraft there. This information is confirmed by the present report.

(3) The jet fighters described are believed to have been type 18 planes. This assumption is also supported by a sketch [ ] source which was not forwarded. Source was an aircraft mechanic. [ ] information is believed to be correct. However, it must be pointed out that the [ ] beak-like extension of these planes beyond the air intake [ ] mentioned by source, but it may be that one of its versions [ ] without that characteristic feature. It is believed [ ] such a large number of jet planes as observed by source [ ] been available only for training purposes. It appears [ ] probable that a Soviet fighter unit is stationed at the field. This unit is probably also responsible for the training of Hungarian pilots.

(4) These searchlights are believed to be used for night flying activities.

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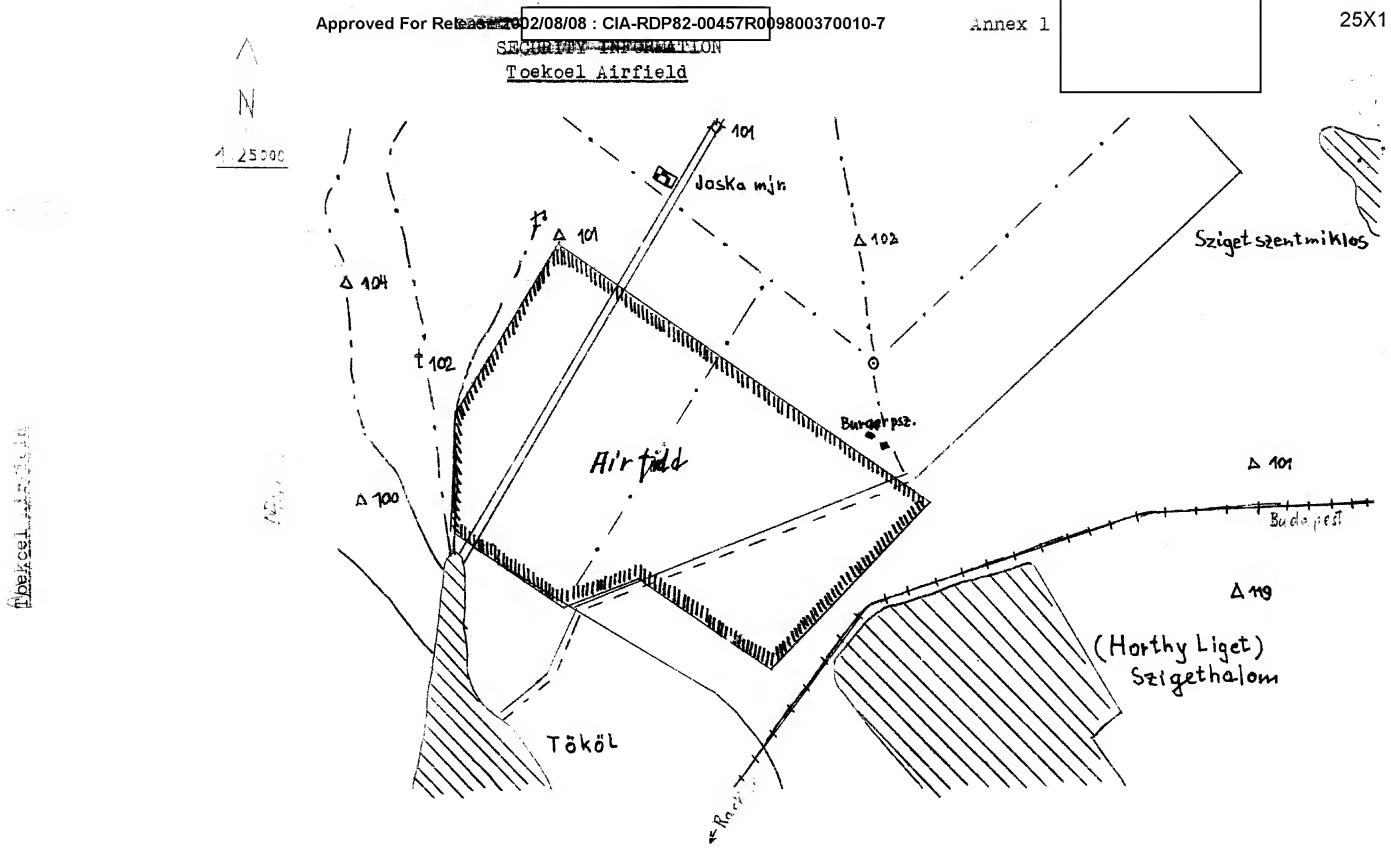
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Layout Sketch of Tcekoel Airfield  
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Annex [REDACTED]

Legend:

- 1 Airfield boundaries
- 2 Concrete runway
- 3 Hangar, about 100x40 meters, steel and masonry
- 4 Reinforced concrete hangar with a vaulted roof, about 70x30 meters
- 5 Two-story quartering building, 15x8 meters
- 6 Main entrance
- 7 Twenty-eight jet planes
- 8 Low wooden building, about 20x6 meters, quartering workers
- 9 Two single-story quartering buildings, each of them about 20x8 meters
- 10 Destroyed hangar
- 11 Radio or DF station
- 12 Three low wooden buildings, each of them 20x6 meters
- 13 Twenty jet planes
- 14 Single-story administration building, in front of which a tower, 8 meters high
- 15 Three-story quartering buildings, each of them 30x12 meters, under construction
- 16 Dispensary
- 17 Gates
- 18 Ammunition dump with a brick building, about 10x6 meters
- 19 Aircraft armament adjustment range
- 20 Construction material dump
- 21 Spur track
- 22 Stop of the Budapest-Rackeve interurban railroad line
- 23 Area of the Csepel automobile plant
- 24 Civilian houses

